

CANADA GEESE (all seasons)

Information provided in this section pertains to the entire Canada goose harvest in South Dakota and combines information from all seasons. The next two sections report specifically on the Early Fall (September) and Special Bennett County seasons.

The 2020 Canada goose season was open from 5 September 2020 - 14 February 2021 statewide, although some units may have opened later and/or closed sooner. The daily bag was 8 geese in Unit 1, but only 4 in Units 2 and 3 (refer to Hunting Handbook). Possession was three times the daily bag. Resident hunters were separately licensed for one Special Canada goose unit in Bennett County. To hunt geese, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult, senior or junior combination, or youth small game licenses plus a migratory bird certification. Nonresidents were required to obtain a nonresident waterfowl license. All hunters age 16 and over were also required to obtain a federal waterfowl stamp. Special Canada goose season hunters were required to apply for and receive Special Canada goose season licenses.

In 2020, there were an estimated 12,555 hunters who hunted at least one day for Canada geese (10,356 residents, 2,199 nonresidents). From the survey responses, there were a projected total of 100,606 Canada geese harvested (93,682 by residents, 6,924 by nonresidents). Average Canada goose bag for residents was 9.05, and for nonresidents 3.15. An estimated 11,778 Canada geese were harvested within 20 miles of the Missouri River.

The five counties with the highest reported harvest by residents were Brown, Day, Codington, Brookings, and Kingsbury, and by nonresidents in unit 00B were Day, Marshall, Roberts, Brown, and Clark.

When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), Canada goose hunters reported an average rating of 5.07 for residents and 5.38 for nonresidents. The average days hunted by all hunters (6.96 residents, 3.96 nonresidents) projected to a total of 80,462 recreation days for the season.

Comparison of the 2011 - 2020 Canada goose harvest statistics

Year	<i>Resident Hunters</i>					<i>Nonresident Hunters</i>				
	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Days Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>	<i>Number Hunters</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Ave Days Hunted</i>	<i>Ave Bag</i>	<i>Satisfaction</i>
2011	13,376	131,505	7.28	9.83	5.31	2,167	6,332	4.25	2.92	5.63
2012	13,725	157,363	7.61	11.47	5.19	2,277	7,054	4.37	3.10	5.44
2013	12,004	117,846	7.54	9.82	5.06	2,160	6,310	4.24	2.92	5.37
2014	12,130	97,956	6.92	8.08	4.96	1,969	5,193	4.31	2.76	5.22
2015	10,228	73,471	7.00	7.18	4.78	2,104	5,482	4.30	2.70	4.98
2016	9,964	85,809	6.98	8.61	4.87	2,046	5,485	4.51	2.77	4.86
2017	9,762	76,827	6.95	7.87	5.06	2,428	6,601	4.19	2.74	5.18
2018	8,633	63,848	6.67	7.40	4.93	2,289	5,638	4.17	2.52	5.11
2019	9,264	78,143	6.85	8.44	5.09	2,209	5,995	4.05	2.82	5.41
2020	10,356	93,682	6.96	9.05	5.07	2,199	6,924	3.96	3.15	5.38

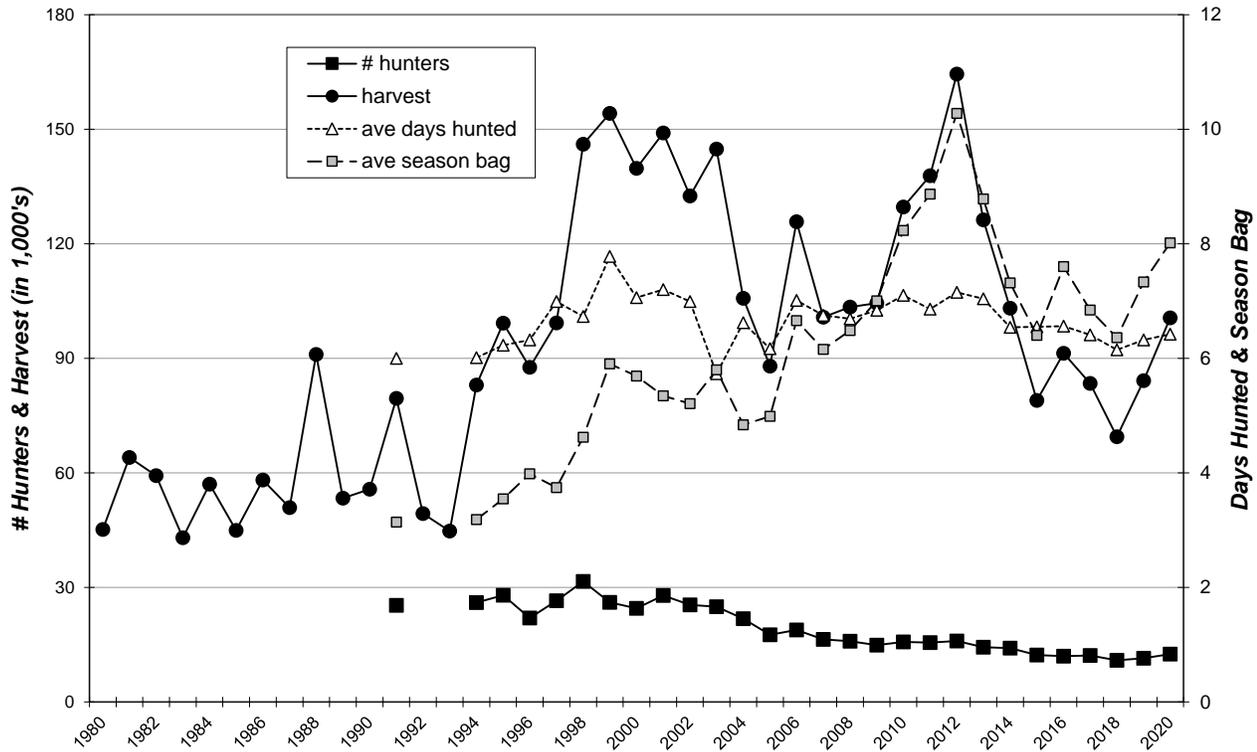
CANADA GOOSE HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2020

Revised: 25 May 2021

	NONRESIDENT TOTALS BY UNIT							NR Totals	Resident Total
	00A	00B	11A	00V	00X	00Y	00Z		
No. Hunters Reporting Canada Goose Days	73	824	10	68	48	108	29	1,160	1,492
Total Reported Canada Goose Hunted Days	445	3,472	30	178	108	289	74	4,596	10,381
Average Days Hunted Canada Geese	6.10	4.21	3.00	2.62	2.25	2.68	2.55	3.96	6.96
Total Reported Canada Geese Bagged	400	2,591	12	234	169	214	31	3,651	13,497
Average Canada Goose Bag for Season	5.48	3.14	1.20	3.44	3.52	1.98	1.07	3.15	9.05
Projected Days Canada Goose Hunting	836	6,297	49	398	284	569	155	8,588	72,054
Projected No. Canada Goose Hunters	137	1,494	16	152	126	213	61	2,199	10,356
Projected Canada Goose Bag	752	4,699	20	523	445	421	65	6,924	93,682
Canada Geese Reported w/in 20 miles of Missouri River	356	123	N/A	1	112	N/A	2	594	1,525
Projected Canada Geese Bagged w/in 20 miles Missouri River	669	223		2	295		4	1,193	10,585
TOTAL CANADA GOOSE HARVEST ALL SEASONS = 100,606									
Canada Goose Hunter Mean Satisfaction Score **	4.90	5.39	5.20	5.55	5.49	5.69	4.69	5.38	5.07

**1* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1=very dissatisfied & 7=very satisfied

STATEWIDE CANADA GOOSE (all seasons) HARVEST, 1980-2020



Resident Canada Goose Harvest Distribution by County 2020

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	58	403	4.1	420	625	4,338	4.9	4,550	10.8
Pennington	21	146	1.5	152	102	708	0.8	743	4.9
Brown	72	500	5.0	522	752	5,220	5.8	5,475	10.4
Beadle	41	285	2.9	297	316	2,193	2.5	2,301	7.7
Codington	78	541	5.5	565	825	5,726	6.4	6,007	10.6
Brookings	74	514	5.2	536	995	6,906	7.7	7,244	13.4
Yankton	23	160	1.6	167	168	1,166	1.3	1,223	7.3
Davison	8	56	0.6	58	58	403	0.5	422	7.3
Lawrence	6	42	0.4	43	71	493	0.6	517	11.8
Aurora	19	132	1.3	138	257	1,784	2.0	1,871	13.5
Bennett	30	208	2.1	217	210	1,458	1.6	1,529	7.0
Bon Homme	20	139	1.4	145	95	659	0.7	692	4.8
Brule	14	97	1.0	101	82	569	0.6	597	5.9
Buffalo	3	21	0.2	22	15	104	0.1	109	5.0
Butte	18	125	1.3	130	257	1,784	2.0	1,871	14.3
Campbell	3	21	0.2	22	55	382	0.4	400	18.3
Charles Mix	32	222	2.2	232	218	1,513	1.7	1,587	6.8
Clark	77	534	5.4	558	680	4,720	5.3	4,951	8.8
Clay	16	111	1.1	116	109	757	0.8	794	6.8
Corson	3	21	0.2	22	31	215	0.2	226	10.3
Custer	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Day	70	486	4.9	507	759	5,268	5.9	5,526	10.8
Deuel	34	236	2.4	246	608	4,220	4.7	4,427	17.9
Dewey	1	7	0.1	7	3	21	0.0	22	3.0
Douglas	6	42	0.4	43	77	534	0.6	561	12.8
Edmunds	20	139	1.4	145	186	1,291	1.4	1,354	9.3
Fall River	25	174	1.7	181	98	680	0.8	714	3.9
Faulk	10	69	0.7	72	37	257	0.3	269	3.7
Grant	47	326	3.3	341	459	3,186	3.6	3,342	9.8
Gregory	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Haakon	2	14	0.1	14	4	28	0.0	29	2.0
Hamlin	36	250	2.5	261	265	1,839	2.1	1,929	7.4
Hand	15	104	1.0	109	113	784	0.9	823	7.5
Hanson	19	132	1.3	138	61	423	0.5	444	3.2
Harding	1	7	0.1	7	3	21	0.0	22	3.0
Hughes	62	430	4.3	449	389	2,700	3.0	2,832	6.3
Hutchinson	10	69	0.7	72	45	312	0.3	328	4.5
Hyde	1	7	0.1	7	4	28	0.0	29	4.0
Jackson	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Jerauld	5	35	0.3	36	13	90	0.1	95	2.6
Jones	3	21	0.2	22	10	69	0.1	73	3.3
Kingsbury	70	486	4.9	507	878	6,094	6.8	6,393	12.5
Lake	64	444	4.5	464	534	3,706	4.2	3,888	8.3
Lincoln	17	118	1.2	123	105	729	0.8	764	6.2
Lyman	7	49	0.5	51	31	215	0.2	226	4.4
McCook	36	250	2.5	261	316	2,193	2.5	2,301	8.8
McPherson	24	167	1.7	174	225	1,562	1.7	1,638	9.4
Marshall	36	250	2.5	261	299	2,075	2.3	2,177	8.3
Meade	6	42	0.4	43	10	69	0.1	73	1.7
Mellette	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Miner	23	160	1.6	167	288	1,999	2.2	2,097	12.5
Moody	10	69	0.7	72	39	271	0.3	284	3.9
Perkins	9	62	0.6	65	28	194	0.2	204	3.1
Potter	8	56	0.6	58	26	180	0.2	189	3.3
Roberts	40	278	2.8	290	354	2,457	2.8	2,577	8.9
Sanborn	13	90	0.9	94	44	305	0.3	320	3.4
Spink	20	139	1.4	145	173	1,201	1.3	1,260	8.7
Stanley	16	111	1.1	116	70	486	0.5	510	4.4
Sully	14	97	1.0	101	105	729	0.8	764	7.5
Tripp	5	35	0.3	36	31	215	0.2	226	6.2
Turner	8	56	0.6	58	43	298	0.3	313	5.4
Union	11	76	0.8	80	116	805	0.9	845	10.5
Walworth	9	62	0.6	65	97	673	0.8	706	10.8
Ziebach	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Shannon	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Todd	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Unk/Unreported	63	437	-	-	630	4,373	-	-	10.0
TOTALS:	1,492	10,356	100%	10,356	13,497	93,682	100%	93,682	9.05

Last Revised: 26 May 2021

* Includes unknown county projection values by assuming unknown county values are distributed the same as reported county values. Total values may be different due to rounding.

** Calculation uses "# projected" values without correction for unknown/unreported county values.